

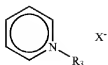
**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 4-5 of the specification as follows:

--The present invention is (1) a method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a dispersion comprising, adding an ionic liquid, which does not dissolve substantially a dispersing medium of said dispersion, to said dispersion containing fine particles, transferring said fine particles from said dispersion to said ionic liquid and concentrating said fine particles into said ionic liquid. Desirably, the present invention is (2) the method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a dispersion of (1), wherein the amount of ionic liquid ~~b mM~~ mL to be added to 10mL of the dispersion containing said fine particles by a mM dispersing concentration is in the range so as the ratio  $a/b$  to be at least 0.05. More desirably, the present invention is (3) the method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a dispersion of (1) or (2), wherein the ionic liquid is an ionic liquid which is liquid at ordinary temperature. Further desirably, the present invention is (4) the method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a dispersion of (3), wherein the ionic liquid is an organic ionic liquid. Furthermore desirably, the present invention is (5) the method for concentration of fine particles dispersed in a dispersion of (4), wherein the organic ionic liquid is selected from the group consisting of compounds represented by following formulae 1.

formulae 1

a.



b.



c.



In formulae 1,  $R_3$  and  $R^4$  are an alkyl group of carbon number 1-7,  $n$  is an integer of 1-3,  $R_1$  is an alkyl group which can possess a substitution group of carbon number 1-7,  $X^-$  is selected from the group consisting of  $PF_6^-$ ,  $BF_4^-$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $(CF_3SO_3)_2N^-$ ,  $TFST^-$ ,  $Cl^-$  and  $SO_3H^-$ .